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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: ETRN CO

SUBJ: CIVAIR: AVIANCA HIJACKING, JULY 24, 1974

REF: STATE 170361

1. REGIONAL FAA REP JOHN IRISH HAS FULL DETAILS OF HIJACKING  
AND IS REPORTING DIRECTLY TO FAA. IRISH INFORMED EMB THAT DUPLI-  
CATE REPORT WAS UNNECESSARY.

2. FOR DEPT'S INFO, FOL ARE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS REFTTEL:

A) HAND GUN DESCRIBED AS GERMAN R-8 TAKEN ABOARD AIRCRAFT BY  
YOUNG WOMAN ACCOMPANYING HIJACKER IN HER BRASSIERE. SHE WAS  
CARRYING AN INFANT AND WAS NOT SEARCHED. HIJACKER HAD EXTRA  
SHELLS IN HIS SHOES.

B) PLANE TOOK OFF FROM PEREIRA AT 0950, HIJACKING BEGAN AT 0954;  
PLANE LANDED AT PALMASECA/CALI AT 1050; HIJACKER WAS OVERPOWERED  
AND SHOT THREE TIMES AT 1320, AND DIED SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

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C) FLT NBR AV 192, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED CALI-PEREIRA-MEDELLIN-

CARTAGENA-SANTA MARTA. ACFT WAS A BOEING 727, HK-1271. 127  
PASSENGERS, 6 CREW.

D) HIJACKER WAS EDUARDO MARTINEZ; FULL NAME LUIS EDUARDO EGIDIO  
MARTINEZ RUSINKE. AKA CARLOS FUENTES. HE PREVIOUSLY HIJACKED  
AVIANCA FLT AV 121 (BOGOTA-PEREIRA), HK 1403 TO CUBA WITH  
THREE ACCOMPLICES ON MAY 20 1969. HE SPENT SOME TIME IN CUBA  
AND EASTERN EUROPE, RETURNING TO COLOMBIA VIA SPAIN IN MARCH  
1970. ON THIS HIJACK ATTEMPT, MARTINEZ WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MERCEDES  
FORERO DE SUAREZ WHO CONCEALED THE PISTOL IN HER BRASSIERE,  
BUT OTHERWISE DID NOT TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN THE HIJACKING.

3. NOTE THAT HIJACK ATTEMPT OCCURED SOME 30 HOURS AFTER SIGNING  
OF CUBAN-COLOMBIAN ANTIHIJACKING AGREEMENT.

4. IF DEPT WISHES DUPLICATE REPORT, INCLUDING REPLIES TO  
SPECIFIC QUESTIONS OF STATE A-3973, PLEASE INFORM EMB.  
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